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Faculty Senate Minutes

September 22, 2011

Present:	Altabet, M	Barrow, C	Boerth, D	Chen, Y	Darst, R
	Du, C	Fan, Q	Gibbs, P	Golen, R	Griffith, J
	Guo, M	Hall, M	Karimi, P	Langley, K	LeBlanc, W
	Leclair, S	Li, J	O’Rielly, G	Peterson, S	Riley, J
	Scarano, F	Wang, S	White, S	Wu, J	Zuo, Y
Absent:	Anderson, M	Baum, M	Carreiro, E	Fields, K	Forker,
	Gunasekaran, A		Hausknecht, A	Hegedus, S	Karakaya, F
	Kim, S	Knauer, L	Leffers, J	Magrass, Y	McCurry, M
	Paraskeva, J	Parayitam, S	Puri, T	Roscoe, D	Sobdari, S
	Sousa, F	Sun, L	Tandon, A	Wang, C	
Excused:	Brodeur, L	Kim, Y	Mollo, A	Ordoobadi, S	Winiarz, E
Guests:	Adams, M	Andrews, S	Boone, T	Burton, T	Carera, M
	Davis, G	Fowler, A	Goodman, M	Heryudono, A	Klein, S
	Lorenz, S	Hadley, J	Mauk, T	McLaughlin, D	
	Milstone, D	Mitchell, W	Peck, R	Pegnetter, R	Rodrigues, I
	Scott, S	Sneider, M	Teboh, B		

I. J. Griffith moved and R. Darst seconded a motion to adopt the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.

II. Old Business

A. Report from the President – G. O’Rielly

- The President has asked for faculty nominations to the Search and Screen Committee for the next Chancellor. Names have been solicited and a list forwarded. The President will choose the faculty member.

B. Report from the Board of Trustees, Committee and Intercampus Faculty Council Meetings – P. Gibbs

- Grant Thornton is the auditor of the system.

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- J. Karam asked if it were possible to cancel or delay the negotiated raises. He was told “no” by the Treasurer.
- With regard to the increased Student fees, we are the campus with the lowest total at \$11, 135.
- The MS/PHD proposal in Engineering was approved.
- The Intercampus Faculty Council met with President Caret. He believes that we should work to increase diversity. He is working to have the state assumed capital debt.
- There are six new Board Members. J. Karam is the interim Chairperson until the winter meeting.
- CASA and concerned about the increased amount of alcohol abuse on the undergraduate campuses with dormitories (Amherst, Dartmouth and Lowell). Since the beginning of the academic year, there have been 22 students with alcohol poisoning (one not breathing) transported to local hospitals from Dartmouth. A new procedure allowing students to contact Public Safety to intervene on behalf of a student who has been drinking has been implemented and appears to have some adherents. A discussion for this will be “what can faculty do to alter the current climate of drinking on campus? The Offices of Student Affairs, Academic Affairs and Public Safety will be working on this throughout the year.

C. Report from the Provost - A. Garro

- He reiterated the timing sequence of retirements that will allow for a smooth transition.
- The long awaited agreement on the Naval Reserve area adjacent to SMAST has been concluded and will allow SMAST to enlarge.
- The Biotechnology manufacturing site in Fall River is going forward.
- We have a three-part mission – education, research, economic development.
- President Caret is looking to increase academic efficiency: Why 120 credits to graduate? Why more than this in some majors? What about 2+2 and 3+1 programs. We will be looking at the viability of low enrollment programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Each department will be given their own retention data (graduation in less than 6 years) and will be asked to explain what

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they are doing to decrease that number. Some programs could consider changing their names to be more descriptive of their focus.

- Several faculty commented that the grounds are looking much better which they believe is an aid to both recruiting and retention but the real issues in retention are the states of the dorms and the lack of a robust campus life.

- The process for ABA accreditation is ongoing. A site visit evaluating possible provisional accreditation is planned for November.

D. Report from the Associate Provost/Graduate Studies – A. Fowler

- The proposal for the PHD in Engineering and Applied Science is at the Department of High Education. There was a request for a budget resubmission and will be voted on at the October meeting.
- The D.N.P. proposal was approved by the D.H.E.

E. University Studies Program – T. Boone

- There are four (4) cluster coordinators. The program is now accepting submissions. Scheduling issues with the committee have slowed the process.

F. Library – T. Burton

- Please reply to the journal survey. While this is not the best instrument, it is what is possible. It is important to know what journals are valued. The survey will be repeated on a three-year cycle.

G. OnLine Learning – J. Riley

- There appears to be no negative experiences with the Best Practices material. There is no immediate information concerning the transition to a new online learning system. The next meeting is in November.

III. New Business

- A. Please return your volunteer forms to G. O’Rielly if you wish to be considered for Senate Committee activities this year.



- B. There is a new Office of Undergraduate Research to be staffed by Prof. Gary Davis (MTH). Currently they are look for funding to help students attend conferences and individual grants to help with research costs. The D.H.E. has given \$125,000 for office start-up. There will be an undergraduate research Day similar to and perhaps closely scheduled with the Sigma Xi exhibition. Increased activity in this regard is beneficial because students who engage in these activities will stay and graduate. They along with other selected students could go to various (or their own) high school to explain UMass Dartmouth. Eventually there will be a new website to list possible topics, showcase research, and provide guidance concerning funding.
- C. We are looking for more Departmentally-based Honors courses.
- D. Greek Ballot Results for Center Evaluations
- Labor Education Center:
 - Hong Lui (EEE), Stephen Leon (MTH) and Catherine Neto (CHM)
 - Center for Marketing Research:
 - Barry Haimson (PSY), A. Tandon (PHY) and James Lawton (CVP)
 - Center for School, University and Community Partnerships (CUSP):
 - Richard Peltz-Steele (LAW) Mark Santow (HST), and Y. Magrass (SOC)
- E.
- M. Goodman presented a list of concerns he has concerning the function and administration of P.C.E. vis-avis the growth of online academic programs.
 - These ranged from faculty assessment, payment and calendar, tuition/fees, pre-requisites and academic regulations and bill paying. Perhaps the Senate could help develop corrective actions.
 - M. Goodman's presentation is available on the Faculty Senate website.
 - C. Barrow introduced three of five motions relating to administrative and budgetary efficiency and effectiveness he wishes to be considered at the next meeting:
 - He presented a budget from the University of Texas San Antonio and compared it with the available budget on campus and asked if he could get one as clear, comprehensive or detailed. If not, he would bring a motion to



have such a document created. W. Mitchell stated that he could have one that day if he so wished.

- He asked about the possibility of having a faculty driven review of Administration structure, looking at work shifting, inefficiencies, duplications and in general making the administration work for the students and faculty.
- We need to implement a mechanism to evaluate administrators yearly – in the same manner that faculty get evaluated.
- As time was ending, he will present the last two at the next meeting.
- C. Barrow's proposed motions are available on the Faculty Senate website.

F. Announcements

- The next presentation in the Chancellor's *Conversations that Matter* will be on next Monday with Judith Ramaly on “Managing Change”.
- Upcoming community events involved UMass Dartmouth faculty and students include the Working Waterfront Festival on September 24/25 and New Bedford Open Studios on October 1/2
- Panel presentation on Monday from 6-8PM with Albie Sachs, a fellow prisoner on Robins Island with Nelson Mandela and a leader of the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa. In addition there is a model of his jail cell and additional diorama on the 3rd floor of the Administration Building. Please attend and encourage your students to attend both activities.

G. Adjournment

- R. Golen moved and F. Scarano seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted;

Susan J. Leclair
Secretary